

Thoughts from Fr. Scott

Well, here we sit at the beginning of May and still under the “shelter-in-place” order of our Governor. These days are certainly tiresome and causing great anxiety. This situation is so much a part of our daily lives it seems as if Covid-19 is all there is. Yet, God, our Heavenly Father is our Hope and salvation. His faithfulness remains and His Mercy is certain. Let us focus upon Him and allow our prayer to bring us from boredom, anxiety, and anger to the great solace, hope, and protection of The Good Shepherd.

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is commonly referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Our Gospel communicates a very important and comforting message. Jesus tells His listeners that He knows His sheep and willingly lays down His life for them. The sacrifice of the Shepherd is all-important to this image. I strive to imitate the Love of the Shepherd by serving his people as priest and being obedient to His will as part of the flock He has chosen. All of us need to be obedient to the will of the Shepherd by following Him unreservedly and listening to His voice. By listening to and following the Good Shepherd we please God as obedient members of the flock. Therefore, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us be attentive members of the flock and know the wonderful protection of the one Good Shepherd who never leaves His flock untended.

The month of May is a wonderful month indeed. Normally, I would be

writing about graduation, the end of the school year, the Blessed Mother, and the CSA campaign. Since three of these four things are being delayed this year I guess it only makes sense to write about the Blessed Mother. May is a traditional month to honor our Blessed Mother Mary, the patroness of our parish family. This year our Bishops are going to be rededicating our country to her protection under the title Mary, Mother of the Church. I have been and will continue to ask her intercession on our behalf and pray for her protection on a daily basis. During May one of the great celebrations we pray is a “May Crowning.” This year we are searching for a date to “live-stream” our May Crowning. It will be different but joyful none-the-less. Check the website, ollonline.org, in the coming days for a date. Please make an effort to join us in prayer for our country, the Church universal, and for an end to these days of isolation and illness. Additionally, we ask Mary to guide, protect, and intercede for us so that we may know the Grace of God and the favor of His Love.

God Bless and have a great week!
Fr. Scott

Thought for the week:

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God; that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Dear Blessed Mother please intercede for us and shower us with your loving protection.

FR. CHRISTOPHER'S CONTEMPLATION

Hello and happy Sunday!

I pray that everyone has been staying safe and healthy. As I continue to pray for all of you these days, I long for the day we will be able to gather once again as a community of faith. In the meantime let us continue to be a people rooted in prayer. To pray for each other, for the needs of our community, for those affected by the virus, and for a swift end to this pandemic.

Over the last month, as I have been preparing the prayers of the faithful, I have found that I am more attentive to the needs of our community and to what is going on around us. As Fr. Scott mentioned last week in his homily, this is normally the season of sacraments. This is the time of year when we gather with great joy to welcome the new members (those in RCIA) into the Church at the Easter vigil. It is also the time for first communion, which was to be last weekend. It is also the time for confirmation which was to be this weekend. Postponing the reception of these great sacraments of initiation greatly saddens me, but we rest in Hope that the day will come when they will receive these sacraments.

Through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) we are claimed by Christ as members of His flock. We are claimed as adopted children of God and are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and fed with the bread of life, the body and blood of Christ. This week in the gospel, John tells us "whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." Jesus is the shepherd who enters through the gate to call each of us by name. How remarkable! He does not just say "hey all you random sheep come follow me." I think that might be a little weird. Rather, He specifically calls each of us by name. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are called by name. Jesus knows each of us, addresses us by name, and invites us to walk with Him, to follow where He leads. There are so many other voices calling out to us, but none of them speaks our name with such love and tenderness as Christ.

As we continue to pray and worship apart from our community of faith, it is more important now than ever to remember to whose flock we belong, to remember who our great shepherd is, Christ Jesus. Jesus continues to call us by name in this time and He continues to provide for us. Let us not grow weary, anxious, or fearful, but instead, trust in the one who calls our name. If you find it difficult to hear Christ call your name, it is ok. Remember that He is calling it, though it might be hard

to hear. This is a great time for us to put aside all of the other voices, all of the other things that prevent us from hearing the voice of Christ and remember that He called us by name in Baptism and Confirmation. He sends the Holy Spirit to guide us and longs for us to follow Him. Let us continue to commit ourselves to prayer, to repentance. These are the things that help us to quiet the other noise in our lives. I encourage all of us to take at least 15 minutes this week for quiet prayer. Do this with your spouse, with your families or by yourself and praise God in thanksgiving for all of the blessings you have received and take time in silence to listen for the voice of Christ. Remember it might be a whisper. May God continue to bless all of you in abundance this week.



RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Given the current safety measures, we have had to postpone our 50th Anniversary Dinner. The new date is October 13, 2020. It will be at the same place (San Marino Club), same time, (doors open at 5:30), same speakers (Diamond and Silk!). We will still have the Auction and Raffle. Everything remains the same except the date.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you require a 2019 contribution statement for income tax purposes, please fill out the form below and return it to the Delaney Center or you can call 623-0274, fax it to 248-623-2723 or by e-mail at ParishOffice@ollonline.org and request one.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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ENVELOPE # _____

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

ACTS 11:1-18 JN 10:11-18

†**Richard McKee** requested by Christine McKee

†**Carl Roselli** requested by Teresa Vermeulen

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

ACTS 11:19-26 JN 10:22-30

†**Anna McMillan** requested by Dianne McMillan

†**Juliet Totonchi** requested by Daniel Totonchi

†Those Laid to Rest at All Saints Cemetery
requested by the Management

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

ACTS 12:24—13:5a JN 12:44-50

†**Tom Schuster** requested by the Wyrick Family & Bev Corbiel

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

ACTS 13:13-25 JN 13:16-20

†**Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes**

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

ACTS 13:26-33 JN 14:1-6

†**Kathy McMahan** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McMahan

†**Ignatius Sutherland** requested by his Family

Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

ACTS 13:44-52 JN 14:7-14

†**Deceased Members of the Alt & Moore Families**
requested by Sue Moore

†**Emily Zubalik** requested by Anne Zubalik

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 6:1-7 1 PT 2:4-9 JN 14:1-12

†**Deceased Members of the Arabucki Family**

†**Deceased Members of the Connarn & Mazzaro Families**

†**Living & Deceased Mothers of the Pietrzak, Burckhardt,
& Dietz Families**

†**Millie Robak** requested by the Ross Family

†**Rose Lalli** requested by her Family

†**Deceased Members of the Shedlowsky & Rule Families**

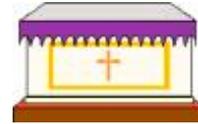
†**Catherine & Eugene Rich** requested by Michael & Anna Rich

Parish Family of Our Lady of the Lakes

Be assured that every intention is being prayed for by Fr. Scott and Fr. Christopher as they celebrate their private daily Mass.

LIVE STREAM SCHEDULE

The following are times for the Live Stream of Masses on Facebook. To watch live, go to **Facebook.com/OLLwaterford**. After the Live Stream has finished they will be posted on our website **OLLonline.org**.



SATURDAY, MAY 9

5:00pm

SUNDAY, MAY 10

10:00am

Live Stream Masses will take place as long as necessary.

FREE ACCESS TO MAGNIFICAT AND MAGNIFIKID

In addition to its online edition, MAGNIFICAT is **now offering complimentary access to its iOS and Android Apps** throughout May. To register for **free access in English**, visit www.magnificat.com/free. For **free access in Spanish**, visit and register at www.magnificat.com/gratis.

We are also happy to make available **complimentary access to MagnifiKid**. Visit www.magnifikid.com/free to view and download each weekly booklet of our colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12. While so many children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, *MagnifiKid!* can be their special guide, accompanying them through each week as they prepare to attend Mass or watch it at home.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESOURCES

To watch Sunday, Saturday, or Daily Mass from home, either online or TV visit: **aod.org/livemasses**. The faithful can watch and participate in real time and on the Archdiocese of Detroit's Facebook page.

Many more resources can also be found at the archdiocesan website: **aod.org**

STEWARDSHIP

IRA ROLLOVER

What you need to know about the IRA charitable gift rollover

Congress has extended and the president has signed the favorable IRA charitable rollover tax provisions for 2015 and made them permanent for future years.

What should a donor over age 70½ do in order to get the benefit that IRA distributions will not be included in taxable income? Donors should follow the same general procedures for IRA charitable distributions as in the past —

- Only **direct distributions to charity** up to \$100,000 qualify as tax-free. Distributions in exchange for a charitable gift annuity or to a charitable remainder trust do not qualify.
- It is especially important that the IRA distribution be made payable to the charity, not to you as the IRA owner and beneficiary. Otherwise, the distribution would not qualify for the favorable tax treatment. **Advise your IRA administrator to make the distribution check payable to the Church or other charity, not to you.**
- Only distributions from traditional or certain Roth IRAs are tax-free; the law does not apply to other qualified retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. However, you should consider consulting with your financial or tax advisor about the possibility of transferring funds from one of these other qualified plans to establish an IRA, with the distribution to charity coming from the newly established IRA.
- Consult with your IRA administrator and tax advisor on the proper procedures for making a direct distribution to your parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Foundation, the Catholic Services Appeal, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, or another archdiocesan institution or qualified charity.

WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Your contributions are used for the day-to-day operations of the parish including payroll, maintenance and cleaning of buildings, as well as utilities. We thank you for your continued giving during this difficult time.

3 Ways to Give Electronically

Option 1: If your bank offers free Bill Pay we recommend that you use that option. Log into your bank and follow instructions to set up auto bill pay. You will need the following information: Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

or

Option 2: Visit give.aod.org. Choose **Make a Gift to Your Parish** You will be asked to create a profile for your login. Under Gift Information choose **Parish online offertory**, the amount of your gift, and choose **Our Lady of the Lakes**.

or

Option 3: Visit <https://woll.weshareonline.org> and follow the instructions to set up a profile and begin electronically giving.

Mail

Mail your contribution to Our Lady of the Lakes, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford, MI 48329.

Mobile Giving

You can drop off your contribution to the Parish Center. There is a mailbox outside the front door and you can drop your offering off there.

Curbside Service

Call ahead or from your vehicle (248-623-0274) and a staff member will meet you at your car.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Shepherds say that sheep recognize their voices and will follow their commands. The theme of Christ the Good Shepherd connects today's Scripture readings from St. Peter's First Letter, Psalm 23, and the Gospel from the evangelist St. John. In St. Luke's Acts of the Apostles, Peter counsels the house of Israel and proclaims: *Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.* Faith-filled stewards realize that

Christ, in Baptism, invites us to be His disciples. Throughout our lives, Jesus continues to knock on the door of our hearts, welcoming us to a deeper relationship with Him. Are we open to this invitation from our Good Shepherd? Commit to daily prayer and a few minutes of Scripture reading from the Gospels so Christ's Word can light a fire in your heart. From this fire, may He inspire you to spread the Good News of salvation to those you meet.

OUR PARISH LIFE TOGETHER

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
 Come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there
 And unite myself wholly to you.
 Never permit me to be separated from you.
 Amen.

REST IN PEACE

Remember those who have gone before us

**Nancy Kerton
Gary Molaski**



Kerton

*“Happy are those who have died in the Lord;
 Let them rest from their labors
 For their good deeds go with them.”*

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Lakes PRAYER REQUEST LINE

248-623-0274

ollprayerteam@OLLonline.org

Touch “Prayers” in our Parish App

PARISH RESOURCES

Visit www.OLLonline.org and select option **Parish**, to hear or view Our Lady of the Lakes liturgical services such as:

- Saturday and Sunday Masses
- Homilies
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

Weekend Masses are Live-Streamed on our Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/OLLwaterford](https://www.facebook.com/OLLwaterford)

Weekly bulletins can be found at:

www.ollonline.org/parish/bulletin
Our Parish App: Text “app” to 88202
DiscoverMass.com



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers this week the sick members of our Parish:

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| Rob Amos | Ben Darmofal | Carol Pawlowski |
| Beverly Armstrong | Irene Delasko | Irene Pawlowski |
| Joe Batwinas | Joyce Delasko | Mark Pidgeon |
| Christian Bodenmiller | Norma Erdman | Tania Price |
| Mikela Bodenmiller | Adam Figurski | Scott Przybylowicz |
| William Bodenmiller | Patty Fincannon | Carol Raymond |
| Bill Boeneman | Jennifer Gaffey | Roxy Ryan |
| Anthony Bogedin | Gary Garza | Dennis Ritter |
| John Boncella | Katie Geary | Holly Sanders |
| Margo Brown | Bill Grace | Roger Smith |
| Chuck Campbell | Suzanne Grimminger | Tress Ann Smith |
| Janet Cobert | Linda Hemphill | Joe Sutherland |
| Dean Coleman | Jeff Hotchkiss | Kenneth Turner |
| Cheryl Coulter | Patrick Hull | Theresa Villereal |
| Sarah Coulter | Sally Kubani | Ralph Vogan |
| Brady Cullen | Tim Nepjuk | Lucy Wilhelm |
| Kevin Dalley | Frank Pardington | Pat Zurbrigen |

May they find peace, strength, and comfort in God’s care.

CHURCH HOURS

Hours the church will be open for private prayer:

Monday - Thursday: 7:00am-8:00pm

Friday: 7:00am-5:00pm

Saturday: 7:00am-6:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am-5:00pm

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